

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Randy Brodehl, on February 1, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 317A  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Randy Brodehl, Chair (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Alex Gray, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Judicial Branch budget

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET**

00:00:10 Chair Brodehl  
00:00:58 Greg Dewitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
**EXHIBIT(jch23a01)**

00:01:26 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
00:02:06 Chair Brodehl  
00:02:28 Rep. Lynch  
00:03:25 Greg Dewitt, LFD  
00:05:59 Chair Brodehl  
00:06:07 Sen. Wolken  
00:07:03 Chair Brodehl  
00:07:08 Rep. Lynch  
00:07:27 Chair Brodehl

00:07:40 Recess  
00:18:44 Reconvene

00:19:00 Greg Dewitt, LFD  
00:21:23 Chair Brodehl  
00:21:31 Greg Dewitt, LFD  
00:24:09 Chair Brodehl  
00:25:12 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court  
00:25:52 Greg Dewitt, LFD  
00:26:28 Sen. Howard  
00:26:57 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:27:44 Sen. Howard  
00:28:09 Rep. Patelis  
00:28:24 Rep. Lynch  
00:28:44 Sen. Wolken  
00:28:53 Chair Brodehl  
00:29:02 Greg Dewitt, LFD  
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00:29:50 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:31:27 Sen. Howard  
00:31:35 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:32:29 Rep. Patelis  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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01:55:22

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Alex Gray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jch23aad.pdf](#))